

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)	
)	ORDER OF
Revocation of the Educator Certificate of)	
)	SUSPENSION
Pamela B. Sellers)	
)	
Certificate 174241)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on November 13, 2006. On September 28, 2006, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) sent Pamela B. Sellers notice of her right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate 174241, by regular and certified mail. Ms. Sellers acknowledged receipt of the notice by letter of October 11, 2006, addressed to Inez Tenenbaum, State Superintendent of Education. In that letter, Ms. Sellers stated that she did not wish to request a hearing. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to order the one-year suspension of Ms. Seller's certificate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Ms. Sellers holds a South Carolina certificate with twelve years of educator experience. Ms. Sellers was employed by the Horry County School District (District) from 1994 through the conclusion of the 2005-06 school year. She was assigned to Conway High School as a classroom teacher and as a homebound instructor. Ms. Sellers resigned from her employment on July 11, 2006, following an investigation into allegations that she submitted falsified homebound records to the District. The District concluded that, among other

things, Ms. Sellers submitted homebound instruction forms reflecting hours she had not worked and she completed the forms after the parent had signed them.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person. "S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. Just cause includes unprofessional conduct and dishonesty. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). The State Board finds that the information presented supports its determination that just cause exists to suspend Ms. Sellers' certificate 174241 for one year, through November 7, 2007. If Ms. Sellers wishes to have her certificate reinstated at the end of the suspension period, she must make a written request to the Office of Educator Certification of the Department.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /s/ Joe Isaac_____

Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
November 8, 2006